GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the relevance of holding of public exhibition on international defence supplies and equipments;

(b) whether such exposure of armaments and defence ware to all and sundry would alert our hostile neighbours of our interest in acquiring such military hardware; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4131 F(18.4.2002

Holding of International Defence Exhibitions is a world wide phenomenon.Such Exhibitions are being held not only in India but also in many other countries like Russia, UK, France, Malaysia, UAE, South Africa, Singapore, Brazil etcSuch international defence exhibitions provide a common platform for manufacturers, members of the Armed Forces, researchers and other decision makers to see and assess the latest equipment and technological advances in various defence related fields at one place.

2. Such exhibitions provide an opportunity to the Indian Public Sector Defence Industry as well as private sector industry to interact with manufacturers from different countries and to discuss with them possibilities for sourcing of components, joint ventures and transfer of technology. It also provides opportunities to our public and private sector industries to showcase at one place their products and services for export orders.

3. Holding of such exhibitions and expression of interest in the exhibits in no way compromises national security interests.